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AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

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SUBJ: JOHN STRASMA

FROM AMB STEDMAN FOR AMB VAKY

STATE FOR CU/ARA-ILA

REF; BOGOTA 6447

1. I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD CONVEY TO JOHN STRASMA MY CONCERN FOR HIS HEALTH AND MY HOPE FOR HIS SPEEDY RECOVERY. MY STAFF, ESPECIALLY THOSE INVOLVED IN THE SEMINAR, SHARE FULLY IN THESE SENTIMENTS. WHILE I AND MY STAFF ARE MOST GRATEFUL THAT JOHN STRASMA VALIANTLY DECIDED THAT QUOTE THE SHOW MUST GO ON UNQUOTE AND CONTINUED HIS MOST VALUABLE PARTICIPATION TO THE CONCLUSION OF THE SEMINAR DESPITE WHAT APPEARED AT THE TIME TO BE A CASE OF INFLUENZA, COMPLICATED PERHAPS BY THE ALTITUDE. I AM MOST SORRY INDEED THAT HIS CONDITION WORSENERED AND HIS SUFFERING HAS INCREASED AS RESULT OF HIS STAY IN LA PAZ.

2. ALTHOUGH IT MAY BE LITTLE CONSOLATION TO HIM, I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD CONVEY TO HIM THAT THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE SEMINAR, PRESIDENT JORGE LONSDALE AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE CONFEDERACION DE EMPRESARIOS PRIVADOS, AND WE OF THE MISSION BELIEVE THAT THE SEMINAR WAS A GREAT SUCCESS LARGELY DUE TO JOHN STRASMA'S LECTURES. PARTICIPANTS

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REPEATEDLY PRAISED STRASMA TO THE MISSION STAFF FOR THE

CONTENT OF HIS LECTURES AND THE FLUENCY OF HIS DELIVERY IN
SPANISH. PLEASE EXTEND TO HIM MY GREAT APPRECIATION FOR HIS
OUTSTANDING AND INDISPENSABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE SUCCESS OF
THE SEMINAR. I DEEPLY REGRET THAT HIS ILLNESS MEANS THAT HE
WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CARRY OUT PROGRAMS IN BOGOTA AND PANAMA AND
POSSIBLE CONSULTATIONS IN TEGUCIGALPA.
STEDMAN

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